## **Air Force IT Commodity Council**

One Air Force - One Network - One IT Strategy



ITCC Processes, Issues, Solutions and Results

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### Road Map

- Commodity Council Overview
- Commodity Council Process
- Lessons Learned
- QEB Process
- Lessons learned
- Results



# BACKGROUND ITCC VISION/MISSION

#### Vision:

One Air Force...One Network...One IT Business Strategy

#### Mission:

Develop IT commodity strategies which shape Air Force buying and asset management behavior in order to leverage Air Force buying power and reduce total cost of ownership.



# BACKGROUND: Strategic Objectives

- Develop strategies to shape AF purchasing patterns that leverage spend
- Demonstrate measurable reduced "Total" IT cost
- Achieve technical compliance
- Ensure alignment between Air Force policy and strategies
- Manage vendor/supplier relations to obtain top performing vendors, highest quality products, at the best value for each commodity category

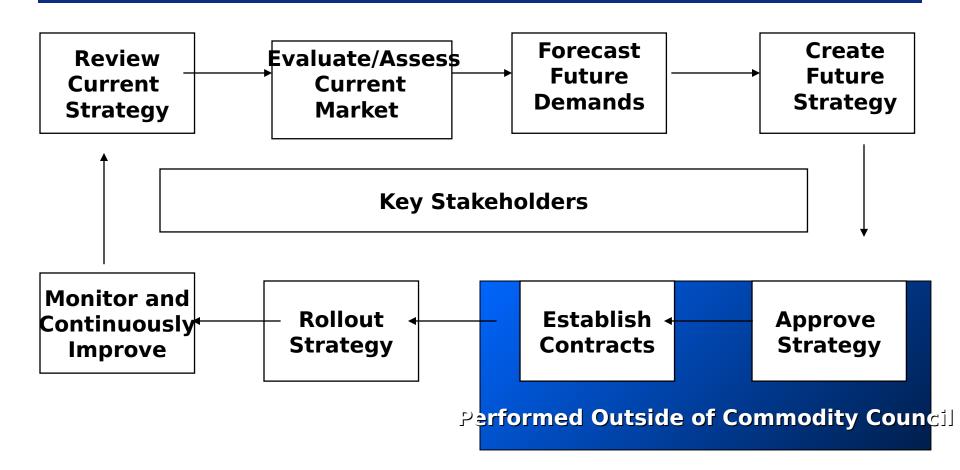


d commodity strategies for commercial IT products and services that are normally not part of a weapon system

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Client Com- puting	Enter- prise Com- puting	Storage Sub- systems	Digital Doucu- ment & Imaging	Product Support	Prof- fesional Services	Infra- structure Software	Applicatio n Software	Telecom Equip- ment	Telecom Services
Personal Computers Workstation s Personal Digital Assistants	Servers Server Applicatio n	Raid-Based Storage Systems  Storage Network Infrastructure  Storage Management Software  Other Storage Subsystems	Copiers Printers MFDs	Hardware Maintenanc e & Support Software Maintenanc e and Support	Consulting Developmen t & Integration  Process Managemen t  IT Managemen t	Applications Developmen	Front Office/CRM  Back Office/ERP & Supply Chain  Engineering	Infrastructur e Equipment Enterprise Equipment Mobile Handsets	Fixed Voice Services Fixed Data Services Mobile Telecom Services Wholesale/ Carrier Services

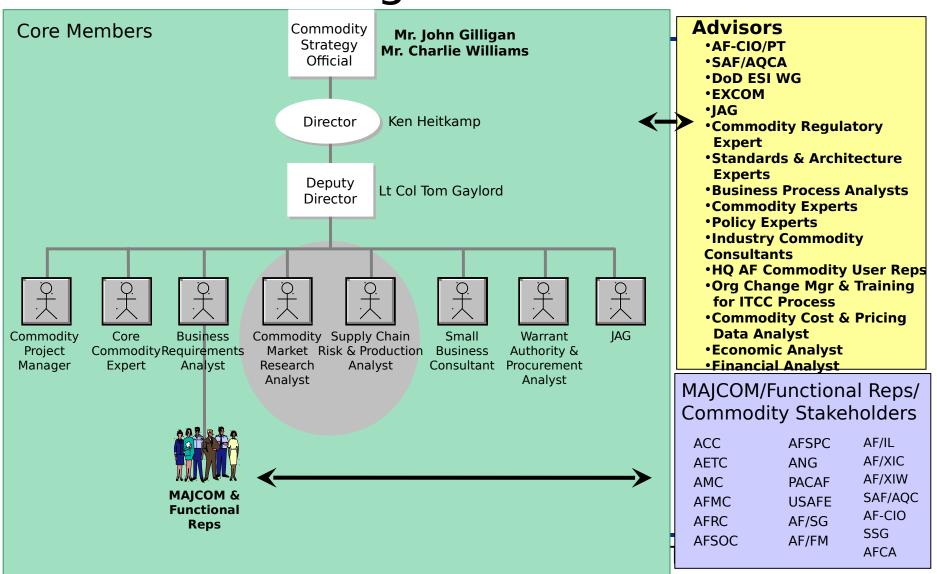


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# ITCC GOVERNANCE Organization



Strategy



#### ITCC Lessons Learned

- Change/Culture Management & Communication Planning is critical--"It's a BIG Air Force"
- Not just contracting strategy--commodity strategies must include buying and lifecycle management strategies
- Internal and external communication is key
- MAJCOM/Functional buy-in is a vital piece of the process
- Small business strategy continues to be a challenge



#### ITCC Lessons Learned

- Air Force lacks a spend management data collection/reporting capability
- Current DD-350 and other data sources not adequate for SB analysis (lack fidelity & data is corrupt)
- Don't try to solve world hunger in spiral's first iteration--Keep moving quickly-otherwise the bureaucracy will slow you down



# Quarterly Enterprise Buy Process

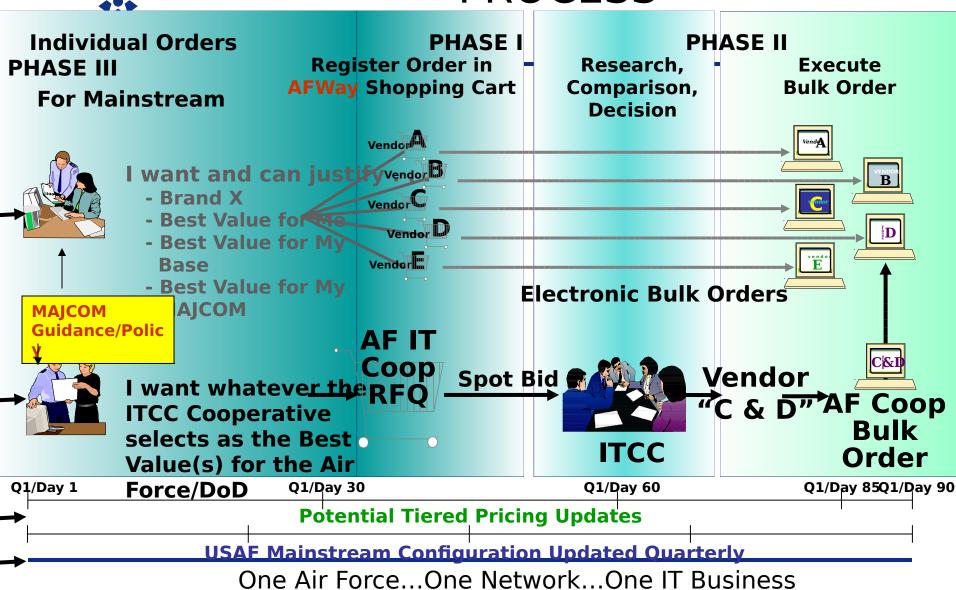


### **QEB** Concept

- Execution team is not commodity council
- Use AF-approved configurations
- Establish tiered prices
- Consolidate requirements AF-Wide
- Compete requirements as an enterprise
- Centralized ordering
- Data into AFWAY

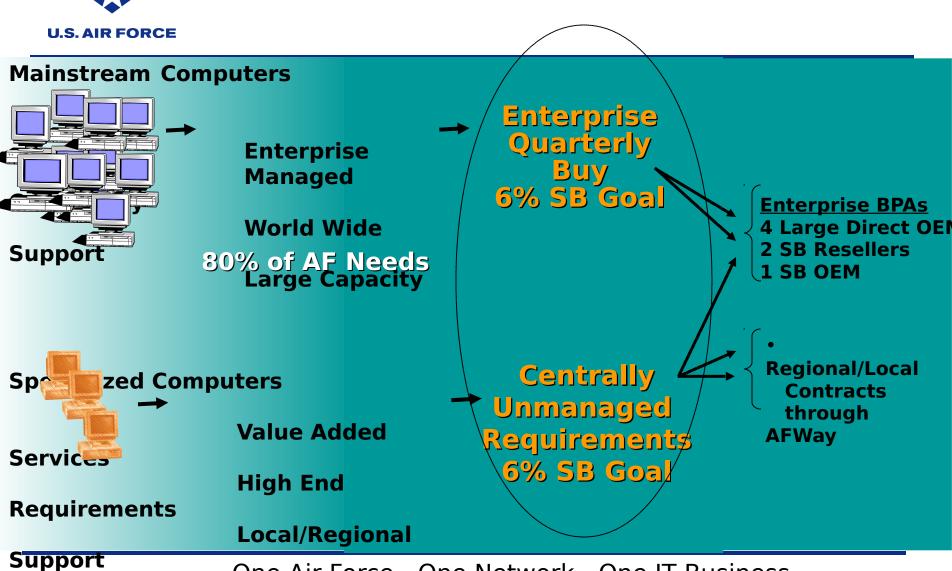


#### QUARTERLY ENTERPRISE BUY PROCESS





### Air Force Buying Strategy





# Current Quarterly QEB Time Cycle

#### Each Quarter has roughly 60 business days

- Day 0 iTRM AF Configuration Received
- Day 1 Issue "Tiered" pricing RFQ to vendors
- Day 7 Tiered Proposals Due
- Day 15 Data collection tool window open
- Day 33 Data collection tool closes (freeze date)
- Day 35 Order validation reports to MAJCOMs
- Day 37 MAJCOM Validation
- Day 38 Issue "Spot" bid RFQ
- Day 44 "Spot" proposals due
- Day 47 Commodity Council Cooperation decision
- Day 48 Due Bill transmission
- Day 50 Funding Due
- Day 50-60 Orders Awarded
- Day 61 See Day 0

Target: window expansion.

Goal: more field input time.

#### **Key Points**

- High speed
- Lots of players
- •Requires close vendor coord.
- •Planned rhythm helps



### **QEB Lessons Learned**

- Communication to the field key
  - PK/SC/FM/ECO's......
- MAJCOM policy support is imperative
  - Mutual support
- Ford vs Chevy-Acquisition by urban legend
  - A "Personal" computer isn't
- People will not read information/directions

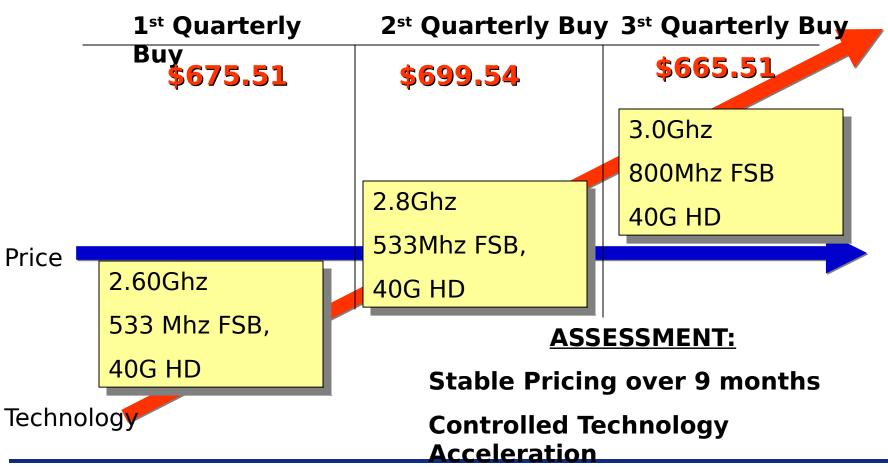


#### QEB lesson learned

- "Vicious" industry competition
- Internal document control
- Order structure- Individual vice jumbo
- Data loops - repetition of information
  - Email confirmation, tools
  - Need order tracking visibility at unit level
- Delivery issues



# Small Form Factor Computer (AF-Preferred) Comparison





#### Real Results

Will be **Updated with** QEB0403 data **Current sales** 

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# General Commodity Council Strategy Implementation Ideas

- Know your commodity
  - Commercial standards/practices
  - How it is bought/sold
- Requirements collection
  - How/what/when
- Reporting requirements -- Distinct increase in data demands with centralized ordering office



### **Bottom line**

Commodity Councils work

They take detailed planning and communication upfront

You will get quantifiable results